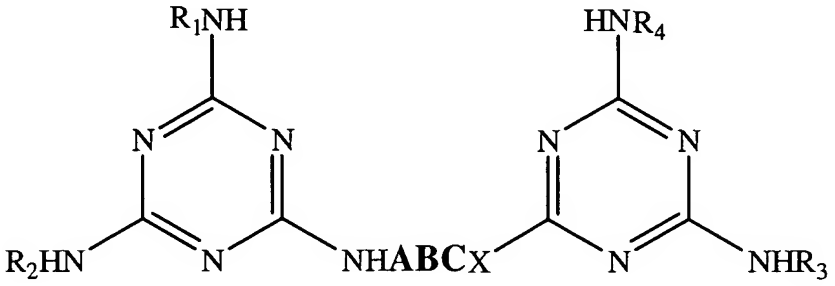
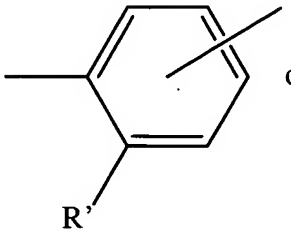
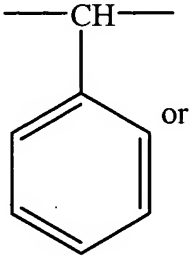
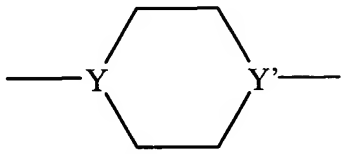
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims, as filed under Article 19, in the corresponding PCT application, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A compound of the following formula:

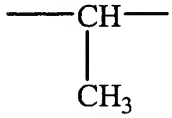


where A = $-(CH_2)_n-$, n = 0, 1, 2;

B = 0 or  or  or 

Y, Y' = CH, N

Y is not necessarily equal to Y';

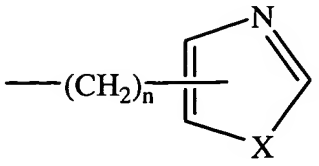
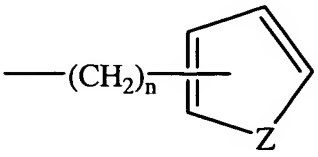
C = $-(CH_2)_n-$, n = 0, 1, 2; or 

X = NH, O, S;

R' = hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl; and

A is not necessarily equal to C;

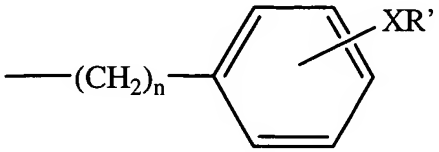
wherein R_1, R_2, R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of C_{2-4} hydroxyalkyl, C_{2-4} aminoalkyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, biphenyl, phenethyl, piperidinyl, methylpiperidinyl, ethylpiperidinyl, indenyl, 2,3-dihydroindenyl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl, indoyl, methylindoyl, ethylindoyl, and substituted five-membered aromatic heterocyclic rings of the following formulas:

n = 0, 1, 2

X is defined as above and Z = NH, CH_2;

or substituted phenyl rings of the following formulas:



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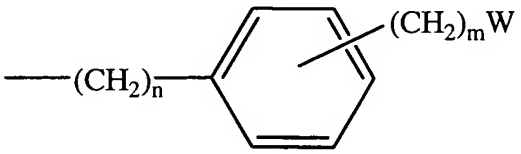
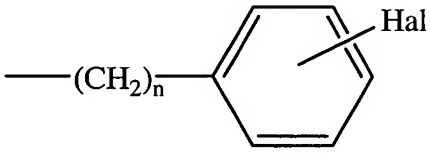
X and R' are defined as above; or



n = 0, 1, 2
m = 0, 1, 2
n is not necessarily equal to m

W = hydrogen, CH_3, NH_2, COOR', OR'; or



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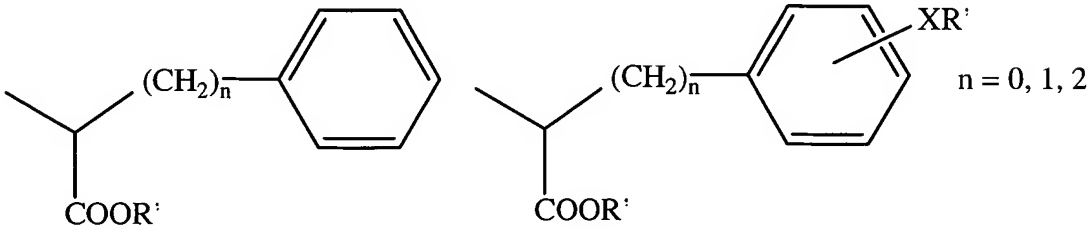


n = 0, 1, 2

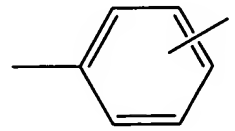
X and R' are defined as above.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein:

A = —$(CH_2)_n$—, n = 0, 1, 2;

C = —$(CH_2)_n$—, n = 0, 1, 2;

A is not necessarily equal to C; and

B = 

3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein:

A = C = —CH_2— and

B = 0.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein:

R_1 and R_4 are selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, hydroxybutyl, amino, aminoethyl, aminopropyl, aminobutyl, phenyl, anilino, hydroxyphenyl, and aminophenethyl;

R_2 and R_3 are selected from the group consisting of anilino, aminoanilino, phenethyl, and hydroxyphenethyl.

5. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

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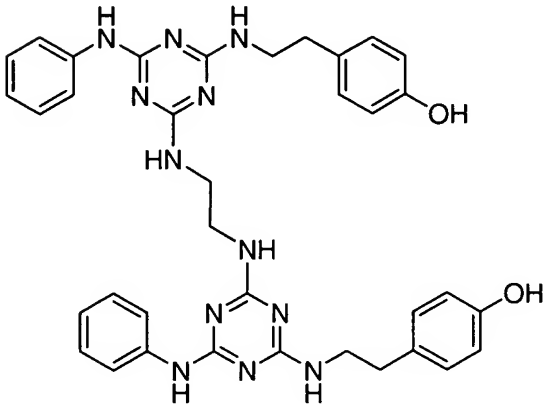
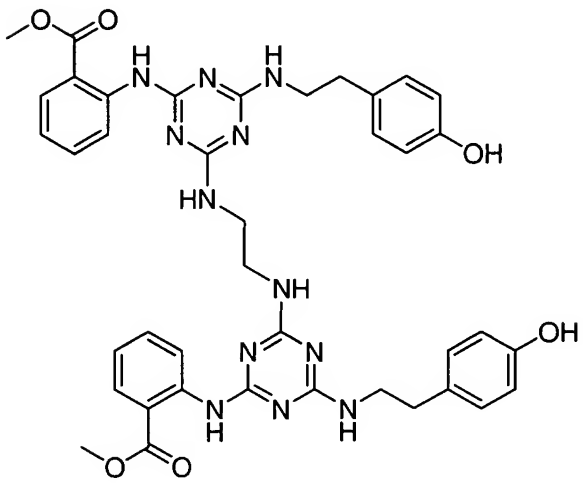
1	
2	

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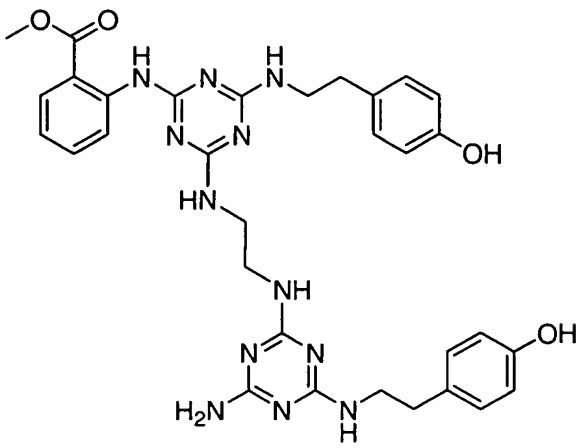
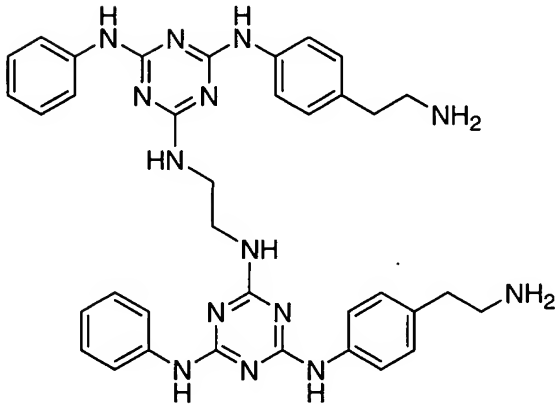
3	
4	

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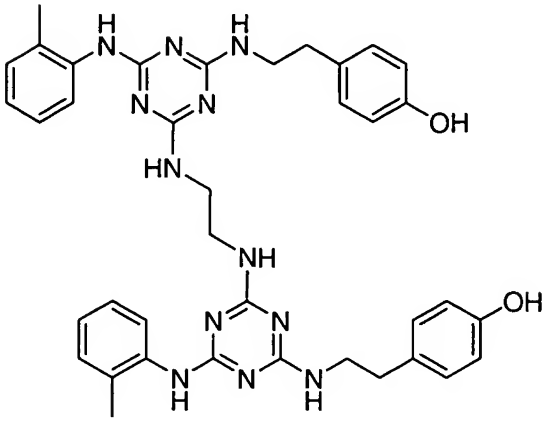
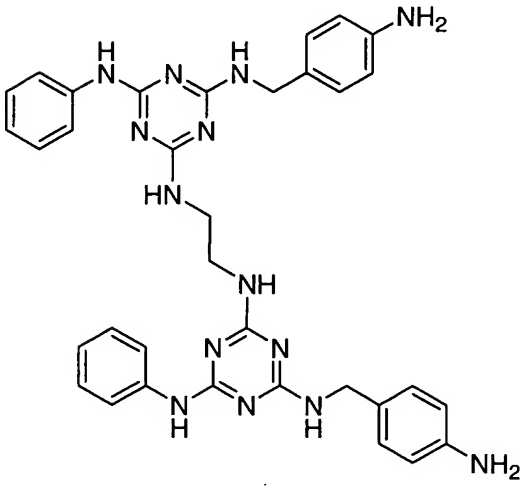
5	
6	

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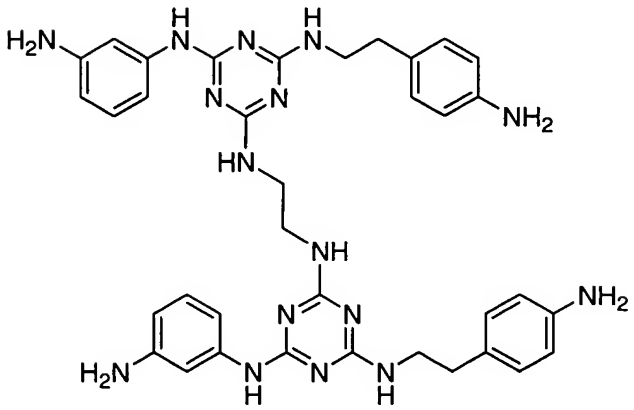
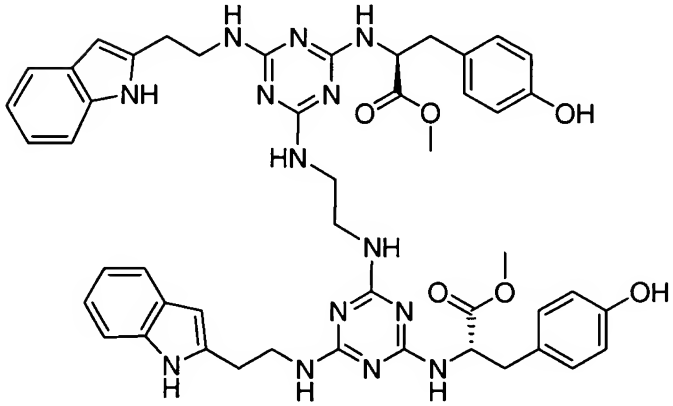
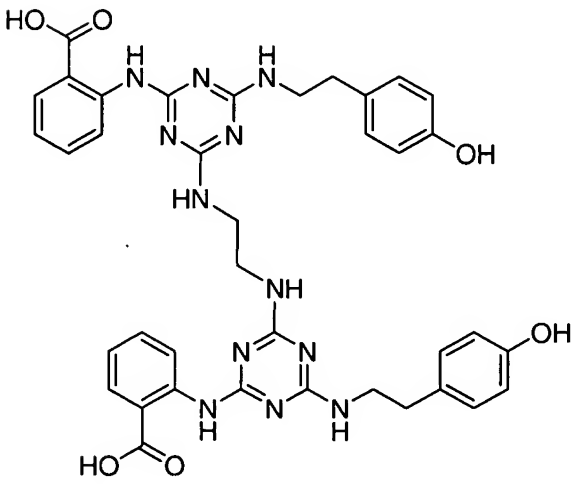
7	
8	
9	

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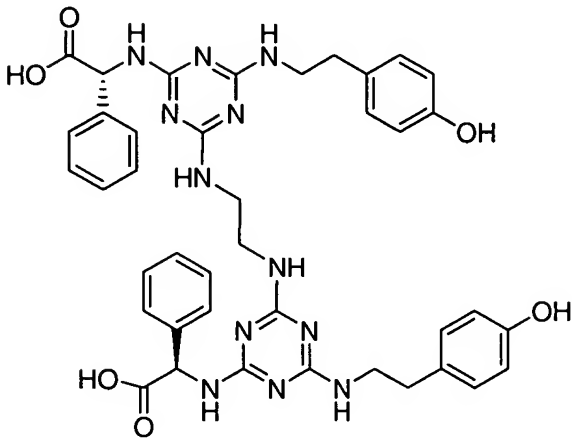
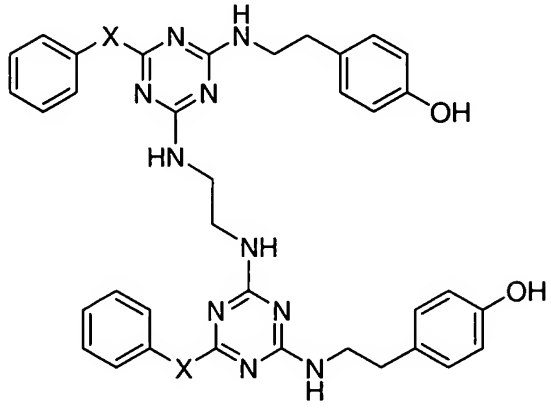
10		
11a	X = O	
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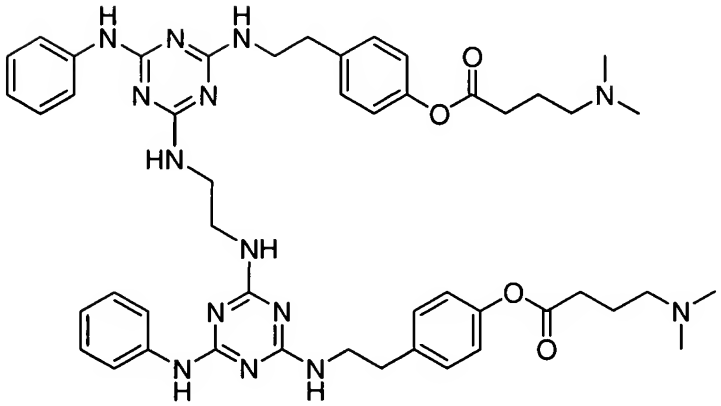
12		

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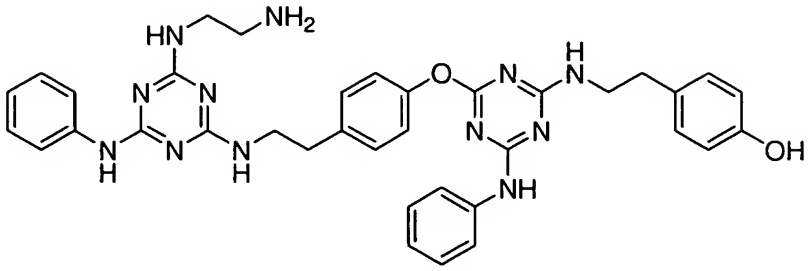
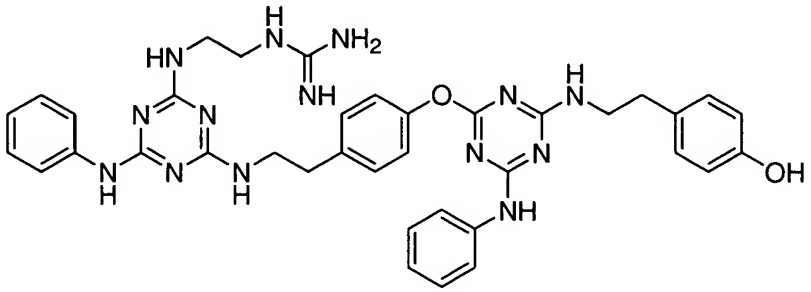
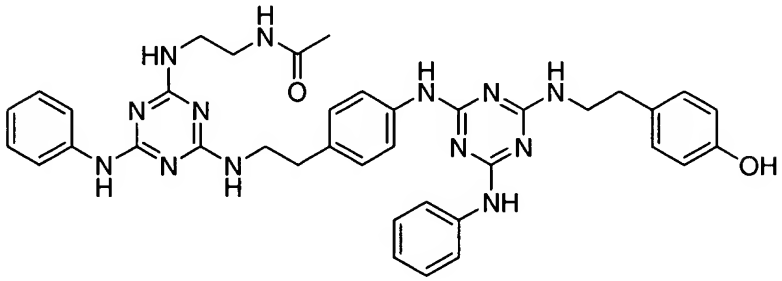
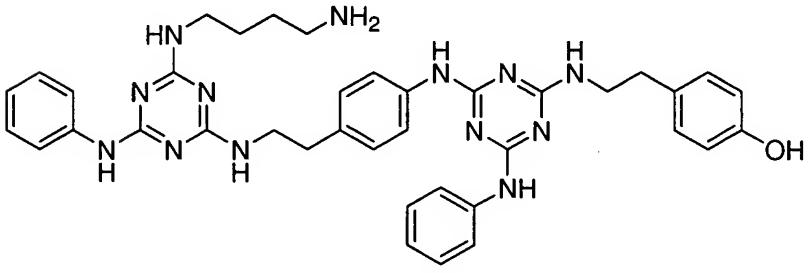
13	
14	
15	
16	

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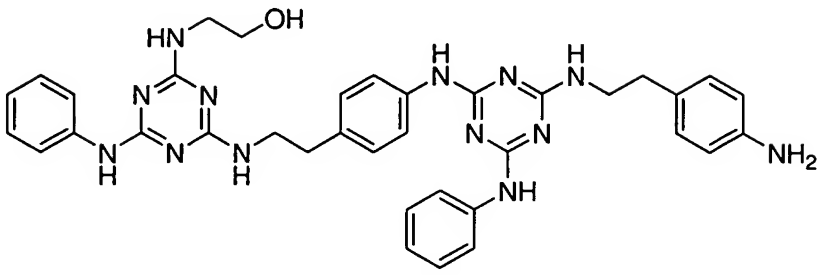
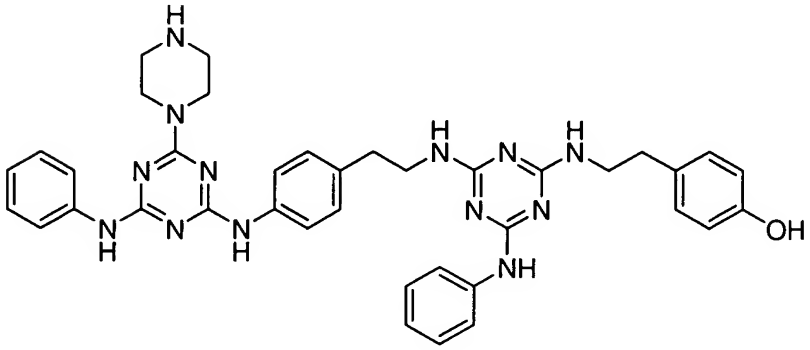
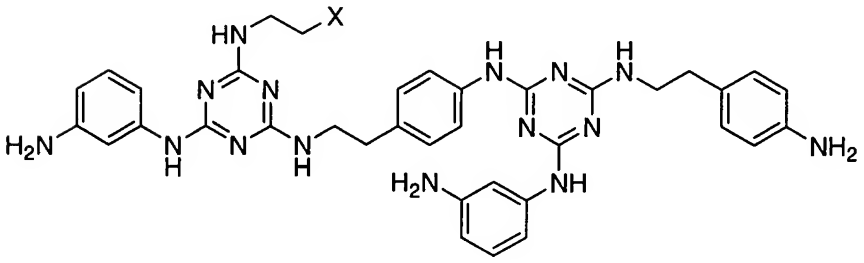
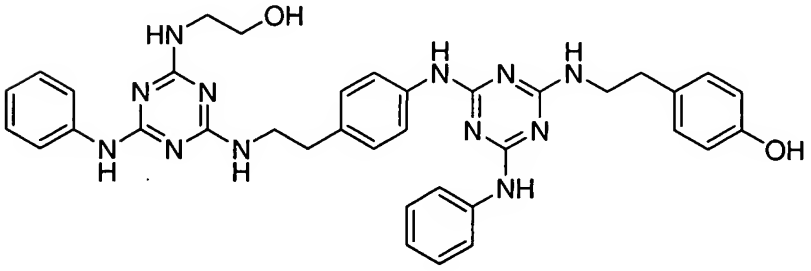
17	
18	
19a X = OH 19b X = NH_2	
20	

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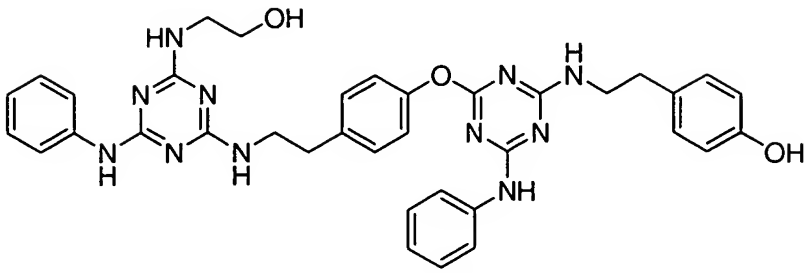
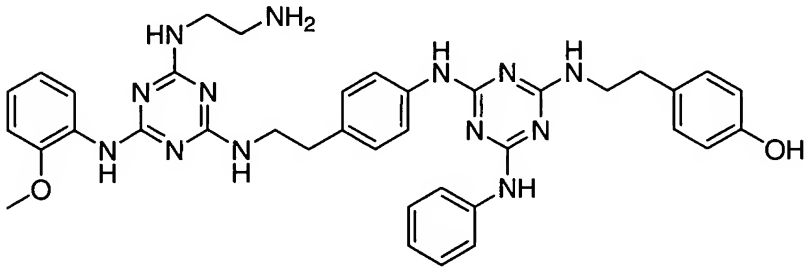
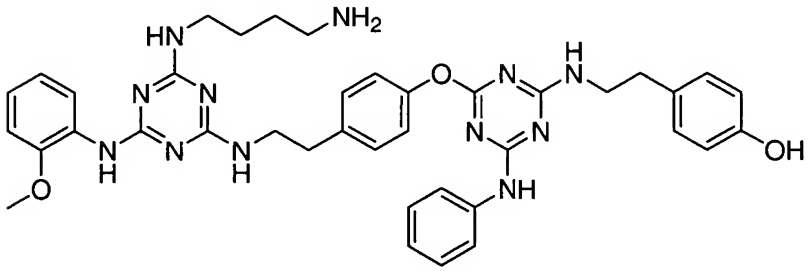
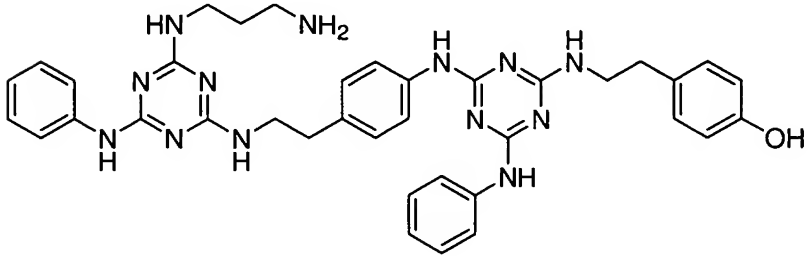
21	
22	
23	
24	

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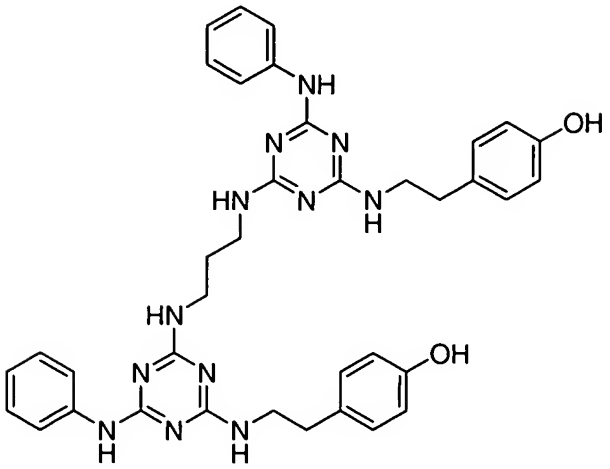
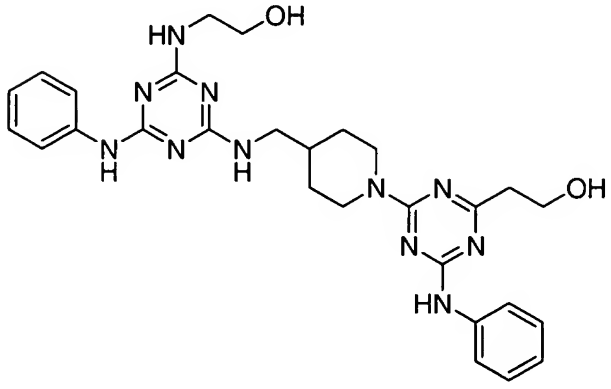
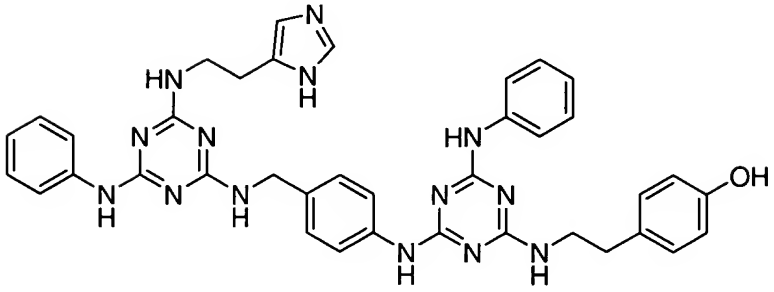
25	
26	
27	

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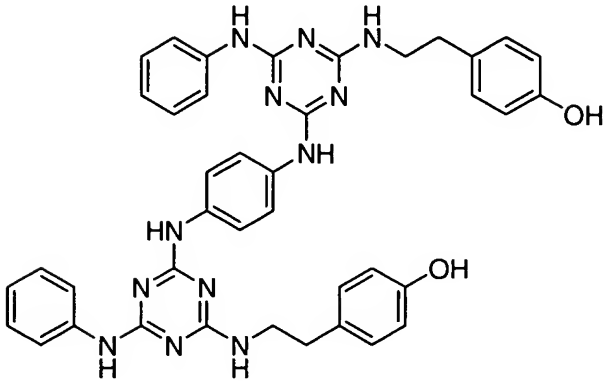
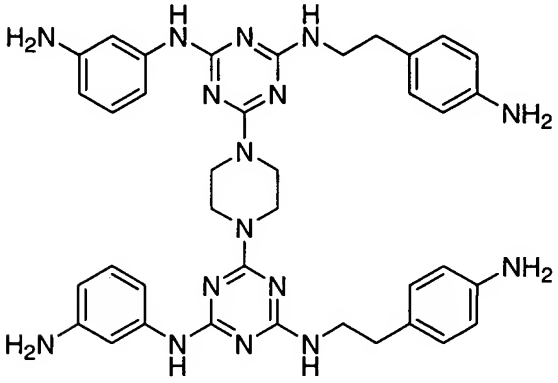
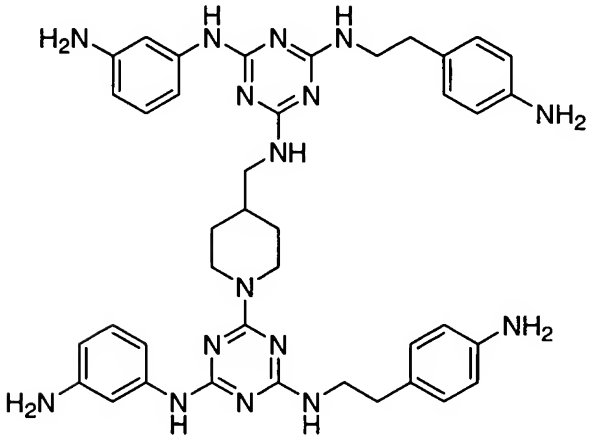
28	
29	
30	

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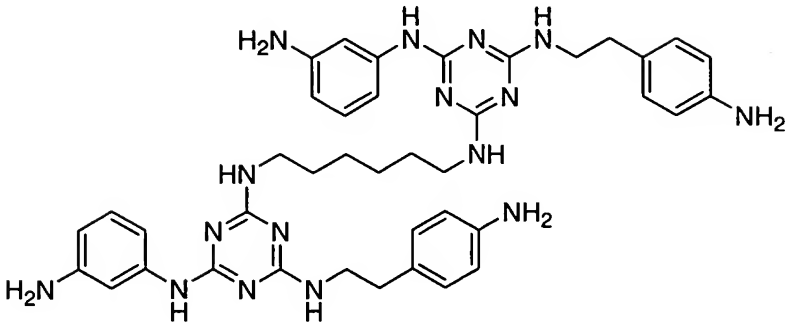
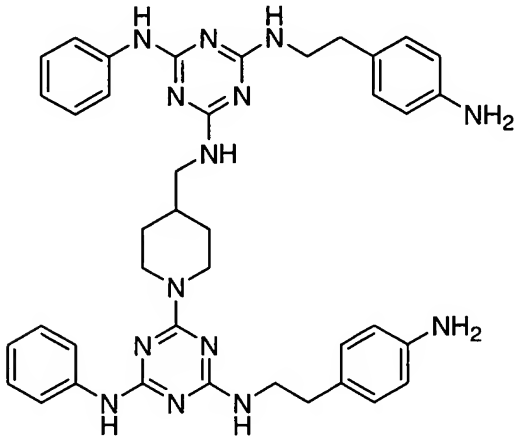
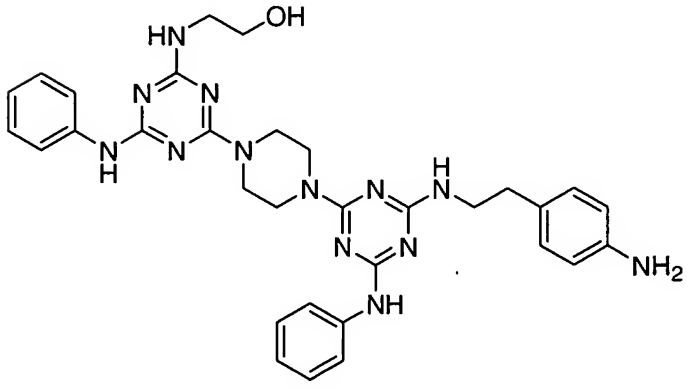
31	
32	
33	

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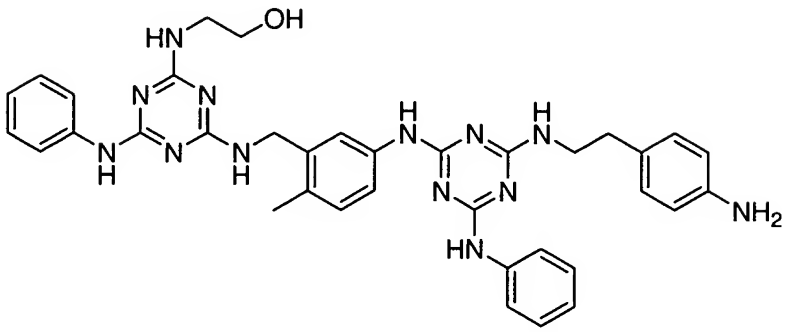
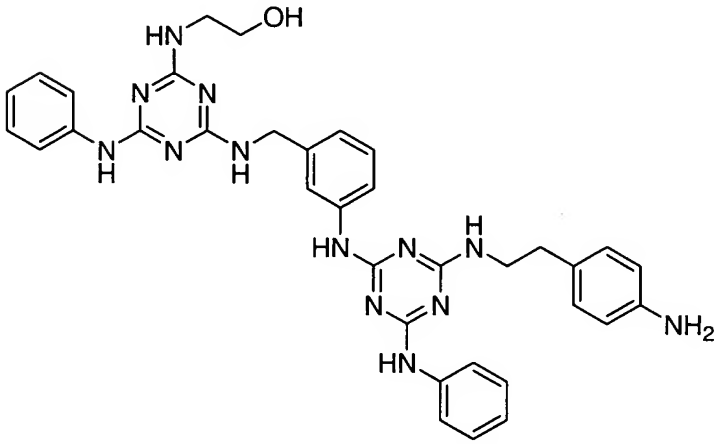
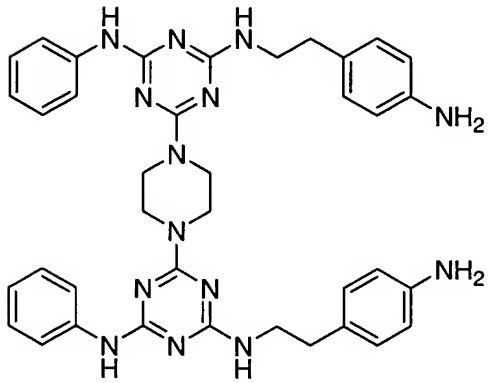
34	
35	
36	

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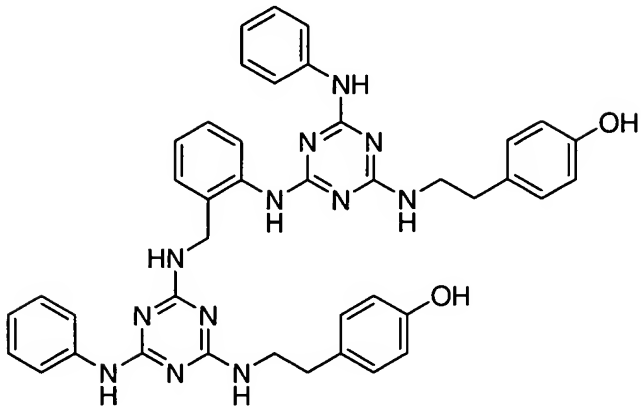
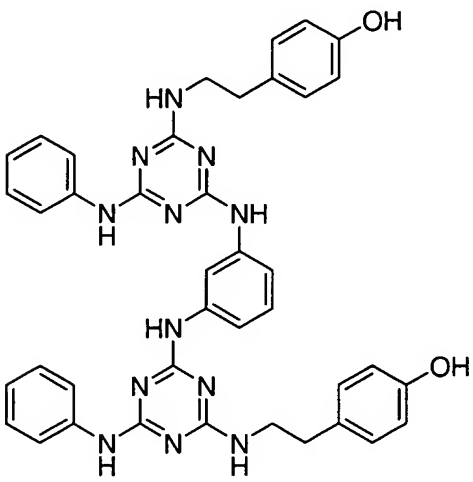
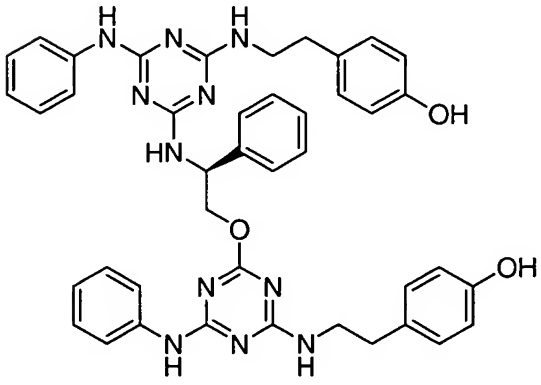
37	
38	
39	

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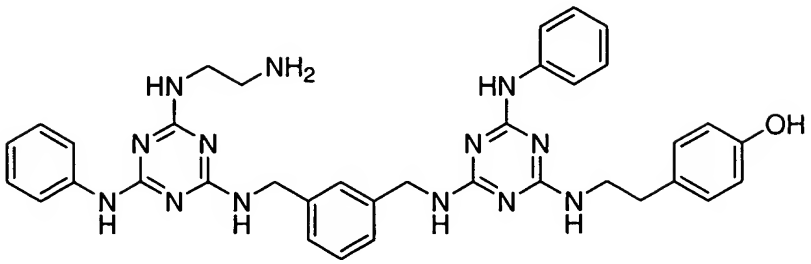
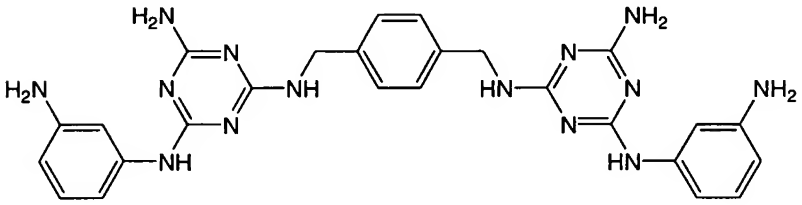
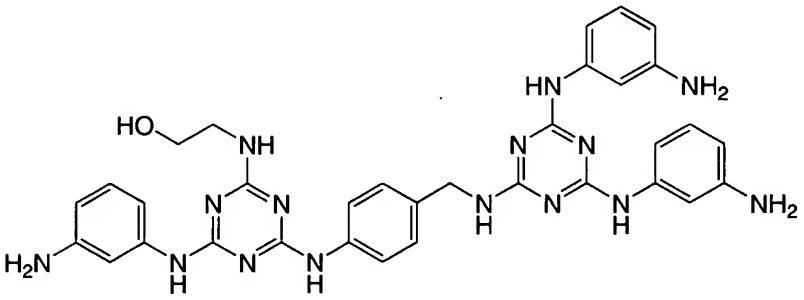
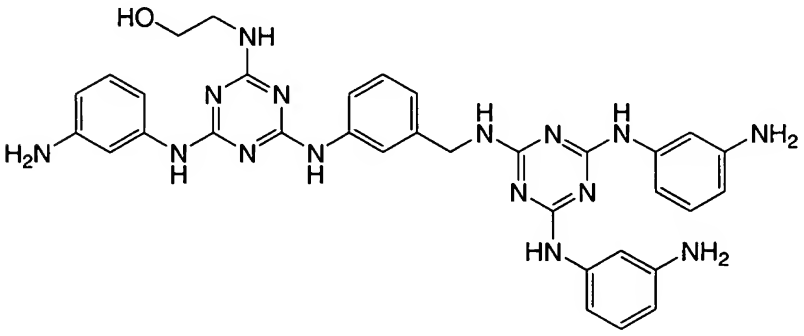
40	
41	
42	
43	

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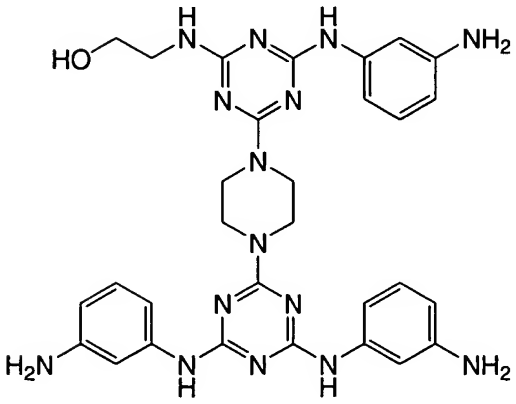
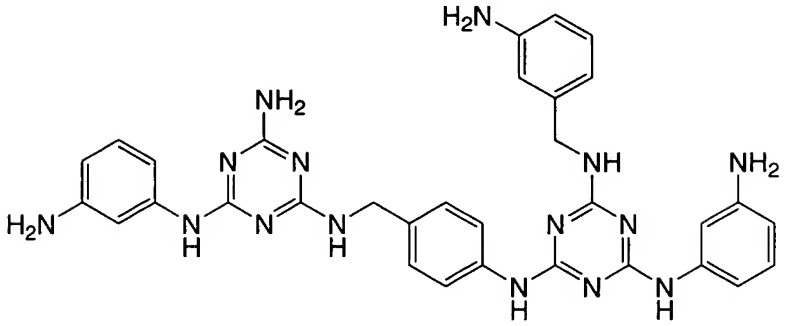
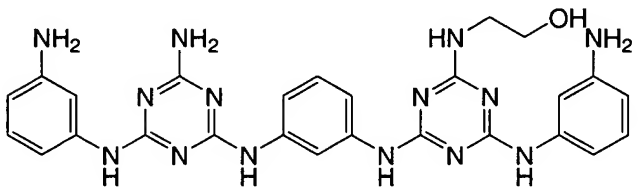
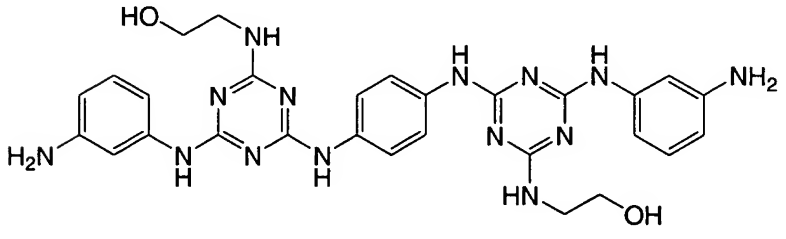
44	
45	
46	
47	

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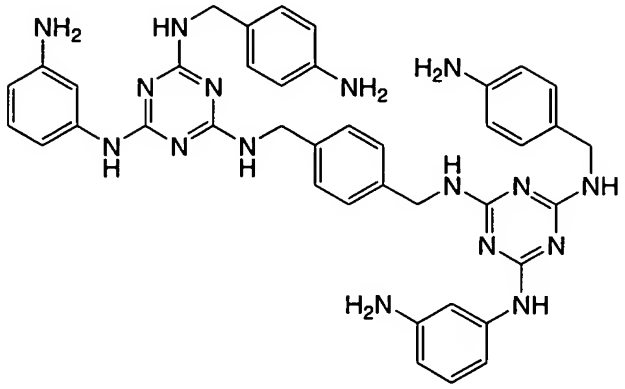
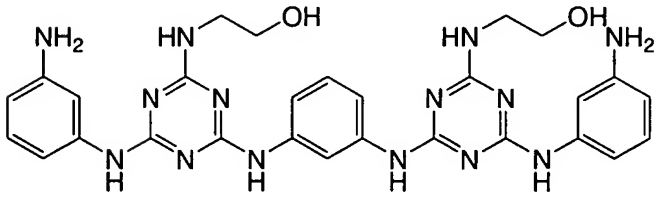
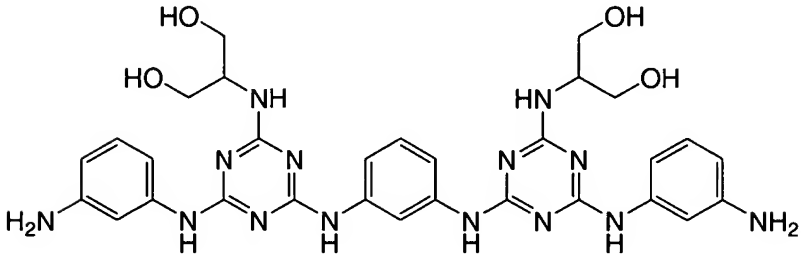
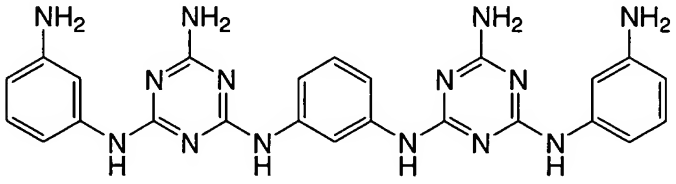
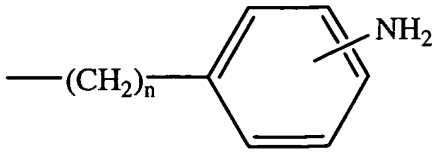
48	
49	
50	
51	

6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 5~~, which can noncovalently bind to antibodies.

7. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 4~~ which can noncovalently bind to antibodies wherein one, two, three or all of the substituents R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 is



n = 0, 1, 2.

8. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~ wherein the antibodies are at least of the human IgG isotype.

9. (Currently Amended) A composition comprised of at least one compound according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 8~~, wherein said compound is combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (Original) The composition according to claim 9, wherein said carrier solubilizes said compound in an alcohol or polyol solvent.

11. (Original) The composition according to claim 9 further comprised of a recombinant protein which is able to bind to human TNFα.

12. (Original) The composition according to claim 11, wherein said recombinant protein is anti-TNFα antibody or soluble TNFα receptor.

13. (Original) The composition according to claim 9 further comprised of methotrexate.

14. (Original) The composition according to claim 9 further comprised of an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid.

15. (Original) The composition according to claim 9 further comprised of a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient with an autoimmune disease, comprising administration to said patient of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 8~~ or a composition ~~according to any one of claims 9 to 12~~.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said autoimmune disease is selected from the group consisting of systemic lupus erythematosus, immune thrombocytopenia, glomerulonephritis, vasculitis and arthritis.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said autoimmune disease is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, psoriasis, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ankylosing spondylitis, Sjögren's syndrome, Still's disease (macrophage activation syndrome), uveitis, scleroderma, myositis, Reiter's syndrome and Wegener's syndrome.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising simultaneous administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant protein which is able to bind to human TNFα, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of recombinant protein is reduced in the presence of said compound.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising separate administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant protein which is able to bind to human TNFα before and/or after administration of said compound, but not simultaneous administration.

21. (Currently Amended) Use of one or more compounds according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 8~~ to affect inflammation in a mammal.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of removal of human antibodies comprised of circulating blood or other physiological fluid through an apheresis column, wherein one or more compounds according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 8~~ are covalently linked either directly or with an organic linker to an insoluble support material which constitutes part of said apheresis column such that at least some free antibodies and/or antibody-antigen immune complexes are bound thereto; and returning at least some said blood or other physiological fluid, wherein at least some human antibodies have been removed therefrom, to a patient from whom said blood or other physiological fluid was obtained.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of purification of antibodies comprised of binding antibodies with one or more compounds according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1~~ to 8~~ covalently linked either directly or with an organic linker to an insoluble support material such that at least some antibodies are noncovalently bound to said compounds linked to the insoluble support and purifying said antibodies.

24. (Currently Amended) Use of one or more compounds according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1~~ to 8~~ to bind an antibody.